

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. By this Amendment, claims 1, 10, 14 and 18 are amended. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-21 will be pending in the application.

Rejections Appealed

The following rejections from the Final Office Action mailed March 24, 2006 were determined to be final and subject to review by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in its Decision mailed December 1, 2010 (Decision at 3):

1. Claims 1-4, 11, 14, 15 and 18-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,704,034 to Rodriguez et al. ("Rodriguez") and U.S. Patent No. 5,638,523 to Mullet et al. ("Mullet").
2. Claims 5-10, 12, 13, 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rodriguez and Mullet and U.S. Patent No. 6,407,747 to Chui et al. ("Chui").

These rejections, in view of the Board's Decision, and further in view of the foregoing amendments, will be addressed in turn below.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-4, 11, 14, 15 and 18-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rodriguez and Mullet. Claims 5-10, 12, 13, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rodriguez, Mullet and Chui.

In the Decision, the Board found that the salient limitations of independent claims 1, 10, 14 and 18 (i.e. "identifying a selected region . . . wherein the selected region has a predetermined height and width that is independent of a position of the cursor in the GUT" and "superimposing the cursor over the magnified image to form a second image") were met by Rodriguez alone, and thus affirmed the rejections.

Also in the Decision, the Board found certain arguments in connection with claim 14 unpersuasive because they were not clearly set forth in claim limitations.

Accordingly, independent claims 1, 10, 14 and 18 have each been amended to even more clearly set forth aspects of the claimed invention, for example as mentioned in the Appeal in connection with now-amended claim 14.

For example, independent claim 1 now more clearly requires utilizing cursor position data indicating the cursor position in the GUI such that positioning of a second point in the second image corresponding to the superimposed cursor relative to the magnified image coincides with a first point corresponding to the cursor in the GUI relative to the first image. Example advantages of this aspect of the invention are described in the specification at, for example, paragraph 18.


Accordingly, amended independent claims 1, 10, 14 and 18 now more clearly recite subject matter that the Board appeared to acknowledge was not taught or suggested in the cited prior art. For at least these reasons, the Section 103 rejection thereof, together with claims 2-9 that depend from claim 1, claims 11-13 that depend from claim 10, claims 15-17 that depend from claim 14 and claims 19-21 that depend from claim 18, should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

If any issues arise which the Examiner feels may be resolved through a telephone interview, s/he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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